

## PLAYGROUND

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(By Wm. B. Chapman)

There are 320 cities in the United States of practically the same size as Mt. Vernon. Already 74 of them are operating public playgrounds, and are enthusiastic regarding their value to the community. The idea of public playgrounds well equipped and properly supervised, has so appealed to those interested in making the most of our children, that the movement has spread over the country with unprecedented rapidity.

\$16,000,000 are now being spent every year in the United States for acquiring, equipping and supervising public playgrounds. The expense of the playgrounds is usually entirely paid by the city itself, and the work is placed in charge of a commission who serve without pay. This is especially so in the larger cities. In towns the size of Mt. Vernon, however, it is often found expedient to first form an organization for getting the work properly started, and demonstrating its value.

The playground is for people of all ages. Its equipment always includes a sand box for the youngest children. This is a very popular corner of the playground. In smaller places the mothers of the very young children often volunteer to take turns in presiding over their play. The children a little older have swings and slides. They will use as many swings as you will supply. Half a dozen is a good number for the average playground. The slide or chute will keep more children busy than any other one piece of apparatus. Next comes the tilt or see-saw. These are usually made so as to prevent fingers from being pinched.

Additional apparatus, though not so necessary as the foregoing, is usually provided. This consists of trapeze, tetter ladder, horizontal ladder, giant stride, vaulting horse, traveling rings, etc.

It is usually advisable when the playground is fully developed, to have a special place with apparatus separate from the children's corner, for boys who do not happen to care for base ball or foot ball, or who do not belong to the "gang," or are not sufficiently expert to be members of any regular team. Such apparatus will be found to employ more boys to the square foot than will the ball field.

As far as possible provision should be made for the larger boys to play base ball, prisoners base and foot ball. Also space should be provided for basket ball, hand ball, tennis, tether ball, quoits and croquet. It is especially desirable that the larger boys be provided with ample space for playing competitive games, and that a competent leader be placed in charge of the playground.

On the play ground the greatest lessons of life—justice, kindness and fair play—can be taught as nowhere else, and it has been the universal experience of all those who have studied the question, that the right choice of a playground director is of fully as much value as the equipment itself.

Judges of the juvenile courts are agreed that wherever playgrounds have been equipped and properly managed, the amount of juvenile delinquency has been greatly reduced. In a group of boys the worst character will usually be the leader, but with a good playground and a suitable director in charge, the boys will find that playing competitive games is better excitement than breaking the law.

The cost of equipment is usually about \$150, for what might be called all the essentials. A complete equipment for a large playground will cost at least twice that amount. The expense, however, is often greatly reduced by merely buying the detail drawings of the apparatus (which can be had cheaply) and the material, and then have the older manual training

boys do the work, under proper direction.

To one who has not given the question special study, it is surprising to learn of the great number of valuable lessons that may be taught on the playground. About two years ago the American Playground Association appointed a committee to consider the entire question of the relation of play to education. Their report is now published in the form of a book entitled "A Normal Course of Play." This book so commended itself to the public that it is now in general use by playground leaders throughout the country.

In a number of cities special provision has been made for men who work through the day at occupations that give them little physical exercise, and the playground (or a portion of it) is brilliantly lit up in the evening for match games of indoor baseball, croquet, quoits, etc. This is especially popular in towns that have no saloons.

At the mass meeting to be held in Mt. Vernon in the near future, it is expected that a large number of lantern slides will be shown illustrating various parks and playgrounds, with different forms of apparatus and their use.

If Mt. Vernon decides to equip and operate a public playground I believe it will be as successful an undertaking here as it has proven in other towns of this size where it has been tried.

During the past few years the nation has been aroused by revelations of conditions that have grown up as a result of snug respectability and indifference on the part of the voter and now the best intelligence of the people is directed toward bettering these conditions. The better cities and towns of the country have grasped the idea of competing with each other to excel in giving better conditions for work and play, and a fairer chance for all at some of the pleasanter things of life. He makes a great mistake who, today, looks upon American life and sees nothing but the chase of the almighty dollar, the exhibition of injustice, greed, cynicism and love of display.

That is not American life. American life is represented in an honest sincere effort to make the best of one's self, and to help one's neighbor to have a fair chance, and to be happier. Never has there been a time in the history of our country when the true spirit of democracy was so evident as now.

## GLASS

From Broken Eye-Glasses  
Entered Right Eye

And Martin May Lose Sight  
Of The Optic

Allen Martin, a carpenter of South

Vernon, while at work on the Sycamore road east of the city Thursday morning met with a most serious accident and one which will probably result in the loss of the sight in the right eye. Mr. Martin was driving a long spike with a hammer when a glancing blow caused the spike to strike him in the face, breaking his eye-glasses and causing a portion of the chipped glass to enter the right eye. The eye-ball was badly lacerated and it is thought that the sight will be entirely lost. Dr. James F. Lee was called to attend the injured man.

## MT. VERNON

Children Win Contests On  
Big Ocean Liner

Word has been received in the city of the safe arrival in Liverpool of a party of Mt. Vernon people who sailed from New York on June 29, for a trip through England. On July 4, the passengers held an old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration on the boat and on this occasion a number of contests were held on the vessel. Two Mt. Vernon people carried off prizes. Miss Ellen Mills won the 50-yard dash and Master Edgar Mill secured a prize in the cake-eating contest. These contests were open to all children on the boat and were participated in by many.

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## AFTERNOON

Attractions At The Assembly  
Are Great

Especial Arrangement Of  
Fine Series Of Addresses

So That People From All  
Over Knox May Hear Them

Supt. Chas. J. Rose of Hiawatha Lake assembly was here Wednesday. He states that practically all of the rooms in the Mt. Vernon College, where many visitors will be housed the next two weeks, have been engaged. He is very much encouraged over the outlook generally, and believes that, despite the increased cost of talent this year, the assembly will pay out. In fact, he believes that it will pay out because of the extra money that is being expended, especially for the afternoons. It is believed that Senator Norris Brown, the Nebraskan, who will tell the people about the insurgents in the National congress, and Senator Dolliver, the Iowa statesman who has been making everybody sit up and take notice the past two years will draw large crowds of people from every part of the county and from every village in old Knox. Six big educational lectures on afternoons cannot but pay—they can be heard by hundreds who might not be so situated that they could be here in the evenings. In the first three afternoons there will be fine musical concerts.

Knox county has the finest assembly in Ohio, one that is rated with the best in the whole country and it must be kept here.

## CHILDREN'S

Department, New Feature  
Added To County Fair

The Knox County Agricultural Society desire to call particular attention to the new department at the fair this year. It is called the Children's department. The liberal premiums offered in this department by the society and the merchants of Mt. Vernon, should be very attractive to the children of Knox county.

Parents, talk this over with your children and have them exhibit their work and compete for these prizes. By so doing you will greatly encourage, not only your children, but the children of other parents. Remember the fair is not far away. The dates are Sept. 13, 14, 15 and 16. Get busy now so as to have your exhibits ready in time.

Write, phone or call on Howard C. Gates, secretary, for premium catalog, entry-blanks and any information desired.

## KILLED

By A Fish Was A Florida  
Boy

West Palm Beach, Fla., July 21—Death in an almost unheard of form waited for Lawrence S. Baker, an eleven-year-old Jacksonville lad, when he dived from a boat in Lake Worth. A stingray, a huge, flat-bodied and gruesome species of warm-water fish, was lurking just under the boat. One of the barbed spines, which this fish carries on its whip-like tail, pierced the boy's neck, cutting the jugular vein.

He rose to the surface, crying for help, and bled to death within four minutes.

## BABOON

Escapes In Pittsburg—Hugs  
Three Women

Pittsburg, Pa., July 21—"Griffo," a "domesticated" baboon, this afternoon escaped from his cage in the show window of a Smithfield street store here. Before the animal was recaptured he had given three women affectionate but violent hugs, strangled a valuable bull dog, tore the uniforms of four policemen and created a panic the like of which never had been seen in Pittsburg.

## TRUSTEES

Of The Children's Home  
Make A Report

Showing Their Financial  
Transactions To Date

Knowing that there are many people of Mt. Vernon and vicinity who were formerly interested in the Children's Home, the trustees wish to make a statement of the present status of the Home.

In the spring of 1906 the trustees sold the Home property on Mansfield Ave., and purchased a farm west of the city latterly known as the Sharp farm, with the approval of the Knox county board of commissioners and the agreement that they were to assist in the purchase of this farm.

After two very successful years, both from a financial standpoint and more especially in the great improvement in the health and efficiency of the children, we had a very destructive fire. The barn was burned together with 30 tons of hay, 1000 bushels of corn, 4 horses, several pigs, 6 stacks of fodder all the straw and all the farm machinery and tools. The commissioners failing to carry out the agreement to assist and there not being funds enough with which to rebuild, and being heavily in debt for purchase money for farm and improvements thereon, we were obliged to sell the farm.

At the time the Mansfield Ave. property was sold the Home was \$1,000.00 in debt. This arose from the fact that during the years 1904 and 1905 the Home did not receive enough from the county to pay for the care of the children. The town property sold for \$7,155.00 less \$144.10 commission to H. Campbell & Co. for selling the same and less \$1,000.00 indebtedness. The following is a general statement of the receipts and expenditures from 1906 to date:

Receipts	
Net amount left from sale of town property	\$6,010.90
Stock and produce sold from farm	3,028.22
Insurance	1,250.00
44 acres land sold to J. Sperry	5,349.60
14 acres land sold to Mr. Cole	1,912.45
42 acres land sold to Mr. Ward	5,527.50
Pipe line sold to Sharp and others	106.00
Received from county commissioners	3,447.36
Interest and other sources	598.00
	\$27,230.03
Expenditures	
Paid for Sharp farm	\$12,000.00
Paid for improvements on farm	1,272.03
Paid for care of children and farm expenses	5,809.37
Paid for stock and machinery	1,403.85
Paid for cash and notes on hand	6,744.78
	\$27,230.03

We now have on hand \$733.80 more than we had on taking possession of the farm. The total loss by fire was \$3,200.00, net loss \$1,950.00. Therefore had there been no fire the gain would have been \$2,683.88. Could we have continued a few years longer under the same conditions as before the fire the balance due on the farm would have been paid.

C. V. Trott, president, Arthur Cassell, W. S. Sperry, Secy., C. W. McKee, Treas., E. O. Arnold, J. R. Wilson, Supt. Trustees.

Mt. Vernon, O., July 13th, 1910. This is to certify that we have examined the above statement as to the invoiced assets named therein and find the same to be correct.

H. W. Jennings, Irvin Young.

## COURT HOUSE NOTES

**Marriage Licenses**—Albert W. Nau, bookkeeper, Cleveland, and Grace M. Stute, teacher, Mt. Vernon. The Rev. F. E. Brimstool. Edward R. Bell, stenographer, and Nellie B. Ward, both of Mt. Vernon. Rev. F. E. Brimstool. Lawrence R. Pipes, merchant, Akron and Minnie B. Sult, Mt. Vernon. The Rev. G. A. Reeder.

**Deeds Filed**—Lewis G. Walker to A. O. Oberholtzer, lots 196, 197, 198, 199, Union add., Centerburg, \$2,800.

Robert B. McCreary et al. to Frank C. Waddell, lot 199, Fairview, \$1,000. Martha R. Taylor et al., to Sylvia Mount et al., three-fifths interest in lot 9, Woodruff's addition, Fredericktown, \$1.

Victor E. Jacobs to Hettie Mathews, parcels in Hilliar, \$1,200.

## BENNETT

Only Man Who Resisted The  
Newark Mob

Newark, O., July 21—J. M. Bennett seems to have been the only man on the interior of the jail on the night Carl Etherington was lynched who did not show something that strongly resembles "the white feather."

Bennett—small, wiry, and with steel gray eyes that snap—was in the habit of exhibiting those feathers. He is noted, in his work as head of the Baltimore & Ohio police for this division, as being one of the nerviest officers in central Ohio.

When the mob came tearing down the stairs, Bennett was the only man who offered the least resistance. He grappled with the leaders, was badly beaten up, and finally trampled under foot. He had previously been given orders by ex-Sheriff Linke not to fire.

Bennett, who has been active in rounding up the members of the mob, and who rendered particularly valuable assistance to the new administration after the old police force had been disrupted, flatly refused to talk about the wild night in the jail. He will be one of the most important witnesses before the grand jury now in session.

He is well-known in Mt. Vernon, having made frequent arrests there.

## CENTERBURG PYTHIAN SISTERS

At the regular meeting of Beulah Hawthorn temple, Pythian Sisters, held on Tuesday evening of last week the following officers were installed by the Deputy Grand Chief Miss Gail Rimer.

P. C.—Gertrude Bell.  
M. E. C.—Victoria Stinson.  
E. S.—Frances Bishop.  
E. J.—Florence Wright.  
Manager—Anna McCracken.  
P. of T.—Amy McCracken.  
O. G.—Kitty Riley.  
Pianist—Etta Darling.  
Captain Degree Staff—Gail Rimer.  
After installation dainty refreshments were served and a social time was enjoyed. —Centerburg Gazette.

## BOND

Of Charles Suttles Reduced  
To \$2,000

And Prisoner May Be Re-  
leased From Jail

Attorney W. M. Koons and Prosecuting Attorney James A. Schaeffer went to Newark Thursday morning, where application was made in the probate court before Judge Seward for the reduction of the bond of Charles Suttles, now confined in the Knox county jail on a charge of attempted rape. Suttles' bond at the time that he was bound over to court was fixed at \$5,000 and Judge Seward, Thursday morning, reduced this bond to \$2,000. Prosecuting Attorney Schaeffer represented the state in the matter and Mr. Koons, the defendant. It is probable that Suttles will be able to furnish bond in the sum of \$2,000 and will be released from the jail.

## AUTOIST

Killed As His Car Plunges  
Off Bridge

Huntington, Ind., July 21—Plunging 20 feet through an open bridge into Rock Creek in an automobile, Thomas Smathers, 28, of Warren, Ind., was instantly killed, and James Kaylor, salesman for the Harper Buggy company of Columbia City, Indiana, was perhaps fatally injured early today.

George Smathers was seriously hurt. The occupants of the machine claim that no danger signals were displayed at the bridge, which was undergoing reconstruction.

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## Professional Cards

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## RAILROAD TIME TABLES

Mt. Vernon, Ohio  
B. & O. R. R.

East  
No. 14... 5:50 a. m.  
No. 4... 11:24 a. m.  
No. 16... 6:02 p. m.  
No. 8... 6:31 p. m.

West  
No. 7... 8:26 a. m.  
No. 17... 8:57 a. m.  
No. 3... 2:44 p. m.  
No. 15... 8:50 p. m.  
Nos. 16 and 17 daily except Sunday. Other trains daily.

C., A. & C. R. R.  
South Bound

\*No. 506... 12:41 a. m.  
\*\*No. 520... 9:58 a. m.  
\*\*No. 522... 6:30 a. m.  
\*\*No. 504... 8:57 a. m.  
\*\*No. 518... 10:55 a. m.  
\*No. 502... 12:25 p. m.  
\*No. 508... 5:10 p. m.  
\*\*No. 500... 9:37 p. m.

North Bound

\*No. 507... 2:25 a. m.  
\*\*No. 501... 7:24 a. m.  
\*\*No. 509... 8:34 a. m.  
\*No. 503... 1:26 p. m.  
\*No. 505... 5:53 p. m.  
\*\*No. 519... 6:52 p. m.  
\*\*No. 521... 7:10 p. m.  
\*No. 523 (To Mt. Vernon only) ... 7:30 p. m.

\*Daily.  
\*\*Daily except Sunday.  
\*\*\*Sunday only.

## FREE Set of FREE Silverware FREE

Beginning Saturday, July 23, we shall give to every customer of our basement department a ticket denoting the amount of the purchase and when your tickets amount to \$8 or more we will give you a beautiful premium free. Cut this ticket out and save it as a starter for your first premium. Then add more tickets while you save money at our

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## Big Basement Sale of Summer Specials

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These are things that you need right now and at prices you can't afford to miss such as:

Large Jelly Glasses with tin covers, per doz... 15c  
Good, big Water or Jelly Tumblers, per doz... 17c  
Floral Decorated Water Sets, worth 50c, set... 29c  
Mammoth Colonial Water Sets, worth \$1, set... 69c  
Economy Fruit Jars, pints, per doz... 70c  
Economy Fruit Jars, quarts, per doz... 80c  
Gem 2-Burner Hot Plates, each... \$1.18  
Gem 3-Burner Hot Plates, each... \$1.79  
Full line 10c China, choice... 6c  
Full line 25c China, choice... 19c  
Full line 50c China, choice... 39c  
All Pictures... ONE-THIRD OFF  
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